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Weather for the Coronation

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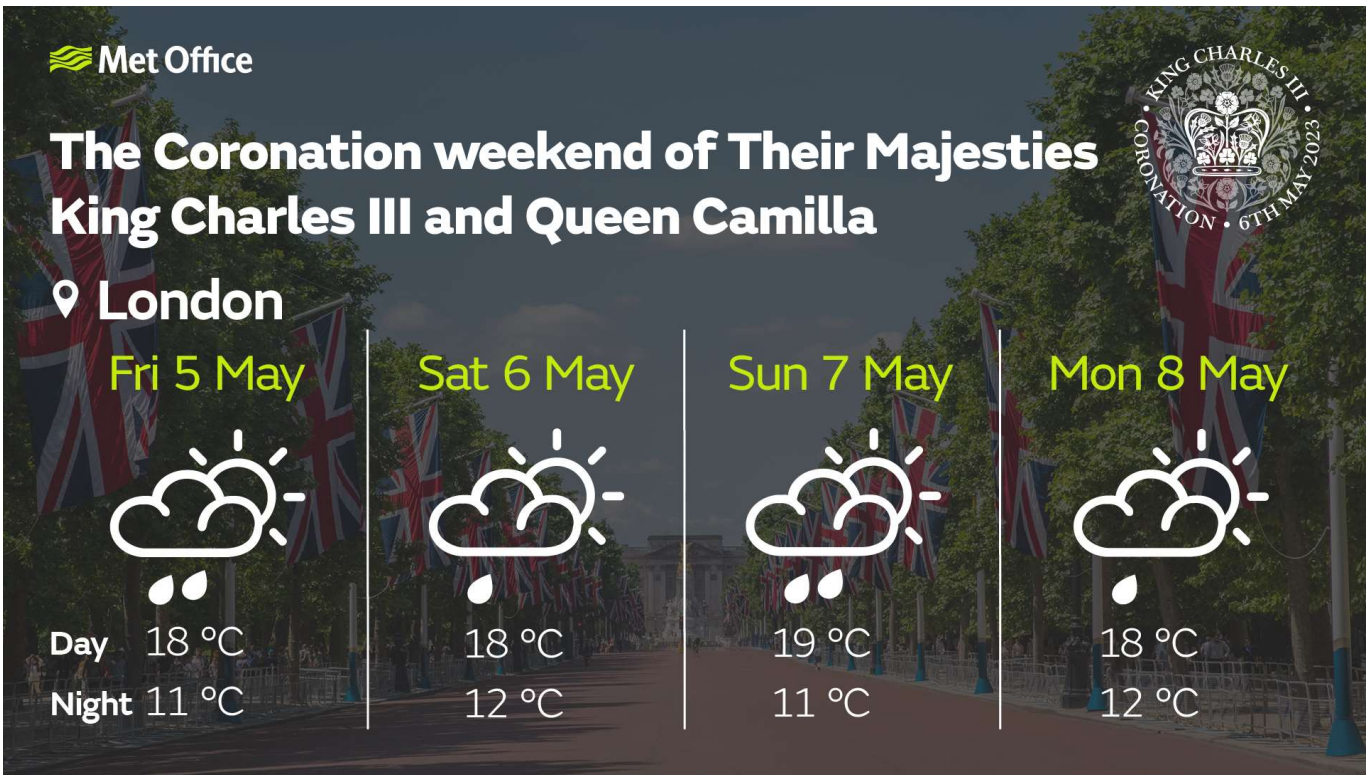
The weather forecast for the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

The weather across the UK looks unsettled, with showers or longer spells of rain for many. Some heavy, thundery downpours are expected on Friday and Sunday.

Through Wednesday there will be hazy sunshine across much of the UK, though outbreaks of rain will affect the west of Scotland for a time before brightening up later on. Highs of 19°C are possible in Wales though it may not feel as warm for all, as a strengthening wind begins to develop through the day. Gusts of 40-50mph are possible across parts of southwest England and south Wales by evening.

Thursday will be a more unsettled day, with an area of low pressure bringing some wet and windy weather which will move north eastwards across the UK. Most areas will be cloudy through the day, and it is most likely to stay dry through the day in the north and east. Temperatures will be capped at 16°C for many under the cloud, though in any sunny spells in the south it could reach 20°C.

Friday will be a day of sunshine and showers, which could be heavy and slow moving at times with some thunder, lightning and hail. The showers will affect most parts of the UK, including London, with some more persistent rain affecting parts of eastern Scotland. Highs of 19°C are once again possible in the south of England.



Weather by the weekend

Currently Saturday is forecast to be another wet day, though with generally less intense rainfall compared to Friday.

Met Office Deputy Chief Forecaster, Steven Keates, said: “On Saturday we will see some heavy rain moving into the southwest in the early hours which will move north eastwards through the morning. This is likely to bring some rain to London by around lunchtime as it spreads east and north across roughly the southern third of the UK. Further north in Scotland, northern England and Northern Ireland it will be a day of sunshine and showers before the more persistent rain moves northwards overnight. It will feel humid, especially in the south, with highs of 18°C possible in London.”

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A
Mostly dry but rather cloudy. Strong winds. Max temp 8-14°C. Warmest in west.
B
Outbreaks of rain, most persistent in east. Temps ranging from 8°C in east to a possible 17°C in the west.
C
A
Sunny spells and showers. More persistent rain arriving in the south later. Max temp 15-20°C.
B
Sunny spells and showers. Outbreaks of rain later. Max temp 15-18°C.
C
Generally cloudy with outbreaks of rain extending slowly north
A
Generally cloudy, outbreaks of rain. Low cloud along windward coasts. Max temp 8-12°C.
B
Probably fairly cloudy to start. Brightening up, with sunny spells and showers. Clouding over with rain into the west later. Max temp 16-20°C.
C
A
Mostly dry start, but rain soon arriving from the west. Becoming more showery later. Breezy. Max temp 11-15°C in north, 15-19°C in south.
B
Early rain, some heavy and persistent. Showery later. Breezy. Max temp 14-18°C.
C
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Further ahead

With celebrations continuing through the Bank Holiday, Sunday will see areas of rain breaking up into heavy, possibly thundery showers for many parts of central, eastern and southern England, with parts of northeast England and eastern Scotland looking fairly grey and wet. The driest and brightest weather looks set for western parts of the UK in Northern Ireland, Wales, western Scotland and southwest England.

Monday will see another band of rain move east across the UK, followed by sunshine and showers, although there are currently some uncertainties in the timing of this. Further ahead there are signals for higher pressure to become more dominant by later next week bringing a more settled spell.

If you want more in depth information about the forecast over the coronation weekend, watch our latest ’10 Day Trend’ presented forecast.

Weather over past Coronations

Data from the Met Office archive shows that past coronations back to Edward VII have been mixed when it comes to the weather. The Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II saw temperature highs of just 11.8°C on 2 June 1953 with some light rain through the day. The Coronation of HM King George V was the mildest of the last four monarch's Coronation, with daytime highs of 17°C on 22 June 1911.

Coronation	Date	Daily max temp (°C)	Daily min temp (°C)	Daily rain (mm)	Daily sunshine (hours)
Edward VII	09/08/1902	16	9.1	0.5	-
George V	22/06/1911	17	12.8	0.3	0
George VI	12/05/1937	14.2	6.2	8.2	0
Elizabeth II	02/06/1953	11.8	6.8	2.6	1.2

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